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SUBJ: UNEP GC/V: ITEM 8, HABITAT

SUMMARY: DEBATE ON HABITAT FOLLOW-UP AND INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, IN WHICH MORE THAN 25 DELEGATIONS PARTICIPATED, CONSUMED BETTER PART OF TWO COUNCIL PLENARY SESSIONS ON MAY 16-17 WITHOUT PERCEPTIBLE SHIFT IN GOVERNMENT POSITIONS PREVIOUSLY RECORDED AT VANCOUVER OR ELSEWHERE. AT CONCLUSION OF DEBATE, COUNCIL ADOPTED BY CONSENSUS ACTION SUGGESTED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN UNEP/GC/92. END SUMMARY.

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1. THE DEBATE ON THIS ISSUE DEALT OVERWHELMINGLY WITH INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS, WITH OTHER ASPECTS OF HABITAT RECEIVING ONLY PASSING COMMENT, WITH EXCEPTION ISSUE OF LIVING CONDITIONS OF THE PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, WHICH IS DEALT WITH SEPARATELY BELOW. DEBATE REVEALED WIDESPREAD URGENCY THAT 63RD ECOSOC AND SUBSEQUENTLY 32ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY TAKE FIRM DECISIONS ON INSTITUTIONAL ARRANGEMENTS

QUESTION THIS YEAR. FEELING SHARED ON BROAD BASIS IS THAT UNTIL THIS HAPPENS, THE UN SYSTEM WILL SIMPLY MARK TIME ON MEANINGFUL FOLLOW-UP TO HABITAT CONFERENCE.

2. GENERAL AGREEMENT ALSO WIDESPREAD ON NEED FOR CONSOLIDATION OF UN SECRETARIAT UNITS OPERATING IN HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AREA, BUT DELEGATIONS REMAINED ABOUT EQUALLY WEDDED TO UNEP VS. ESA SOLUTIONS ALREADY DEFINED AT HABITAT.

QUESTION OF LOCATION REMAINS WIDE OPEN, WITH KENYA ALONE URGING NAIROBI. KENYAN PLEA THAT COUNCIL ENDEAVOR REACH CONSENSUS ON UNEP SOLUTION AND NAIROBI LOCATION FELL ON DEAF EARS.

3. NO DISSENT FROM PROPOSITION, ENDORSED BY MANY SPEAKERS, THAT REGARDLESS OF ULTIMATE INSTITUTIONAL LINKAGE, UNEP SHOULD CONTINUE TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE ENVIRONMENTAL ASPECTS OF HUMAN SETTLEMENTS PROBLEMS.

4. IRAQ DEVOTED MOST OF STATEMENT TO LIVING CONDITIONS OF PALESTINIAN PEOPLE, NOTING WITH SATISFACTION PARA 13 OF UNEP/GC/92 ON THIS SUBJECT, AND EXCORIATING ISRAEL FOR ALLEGED ACTIONS DETRIMENTAL TO PALESTINIANS. STATEMENT ENDORSED BY LYBIA AND KUWAIT, BOTH RELATIVELY BRIEFLY AND LATTER IN PARTICULAR MILDLY. USDEL STATED THAT THE US HAD FULLY RECORDED ITS VIEWS ON THIS SUBJECT ELSEWHERE, MOST RECENTLY AT 31ST UNGA WHERE IT HAD VOTED AGAINST RESOLUTION 31/110 AND, THEREFORE, ITS PARTICIPATION IN THE CONSENSUS DECISION ON THIS ITEM SHOULD BE SEEN IN THAT LIGHT, SINCE USG HAD IN NO WAY QUALIFIED

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ITS POSITION ON RESOLUTION 31/110.

5. AT CONCLUSION DEBATE, COUNCIL TOOK ACTION SUGGESTED BY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR IN DOC/92 TAKING NOTE OF THE REPORT AND INTENTIONS OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR REGARDING IMPLEMENTATION OF GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTIONS RELATING TO HUMAN SETTLEMENTS AND AUTHORIZING THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR TO TRANSMIT THAT PART OF THE GC/V REPORT DEALING WITH HABITAT TO THE UNSYG.

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